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SUBJECT: SECRET PAYMENTS BY UNITED BRANDS TO GENERAL LOPEZ: PRESS
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1. WITH ONE MINOR EXCEPTION, THE BOGOTA PRESS BZ APRIL 9 AND
10 CONFINED ITSELF TO NEWS STORIES FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESS
AGENCIES. AMONG THE TITLES: "HONDURAS WILL INVESTIGATE
UNITED BRANDS (LATIN); "PRESIDENT BARRED FROM LEAVING
HONDURAS" (AP) AND "MILLIONAIRE BRIBES HONDURAN GOVERNMENT"
(COMPILED FROM AP, UPI, AND AFP).

2. ESPECTADOR, APRIL 10, IN AN EDITORIAL PAGE FEATURE
CALLED THE FIGURE OF THE DAY, SUMMARIZED THE REPORTS AND
CHARACTERIZED THE DEVELOPMENT AS ANOTHER BLOW TO THE
PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS COMING ON THE HEELS OF HIS BEING
RELIEVED AS CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES.

3. FURTHER EDITORIAL REACTIONS MAY BE EXPECTED OVER THE
WEEKEND.

4. UNITED BRANDS STORY HAS UNEXPECTED REACTION IN THE
BOGOTA DIPLOMATIC CORPS. THE HONDURAN AMBASSADOR
WAS TO HOST A FAREWELL RECEPTION BY THE DIPLOMATIC

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CORPS FOR THE DEPARTING HAITIAN AMBASSADOR. AT LAST

MOMENT HAITIAN AMBASSADOR ANNOUNCED HE COULD NOT ATTEND,
ACCORDING TO RUMOR BECAUSE HE "DID NOT WANT TO BE
ASSOCIATED WITH A CORRUPT GOVERNMENT".
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